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Re-Entry Update

ADOC Goals for Prisoner Reentry

-  Decrease the overall prison recidivism rates and overcrowding
-  Promote public safety for the general community
-  Reunite parents and children
-  Decrease public health and social disparities within the offender populations
-  Offer referral linkages to inmates and ex-offenders transitioning back into the community

"Institutional Designee's"



****For More Information about Pre Release and Reentry Services, please contact your Institutional Reentry Designee****

Ms. Pearson and Mr. Earnshaw – Fountain / J.O. Davis

Mr. Mitchell – Easterling

Mr. Woods – Ventress

Dr. Lancaster and Ms. Lewis – Bullock County

Dr. Thompkins – Draper

Mr. Thomas – Elmore

Ms. Haynes – Tutwiler

Mr. Holbrook – Holman

Mr. Bivins – Staton

Ms. Day – Hamilton A&I and Hamilton Work Release

Dr. Allen and Mr. Rountree – Donaldson

Ms. Richardson – Bibb County

Ms. Hollingsworth – Limestone

Mr. Gandy – Kilby

Ms. Crenshaw – Montgomery Women's Facility

Mr. Douglas – St. Clair

Ms. Lewis – Red Eagle Honor Farm

Lt. Sellers – Camden

Mr. Shavers – Mobile

Mr. Robitaille – Loxley

Ms. Martin and Ms. Crawford – Frank Lee

Ms. Phillips – Alex City

Ms. Moore – Birmingham

Mr. Cummings – Decatur

Lt. Qualls – Elba

Ms. Hand – Childersburg Work Release

Ms. Bennett – Atmore

Ms. Allen – State Cattle Ranch

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Exciting times for Alabama's Prison Reentry Programs

By: Kerri Pruitt, Executive Director – The Dannon Project

Reentry – the new buzz word across the nation for the correctional community, offenders, and their families.

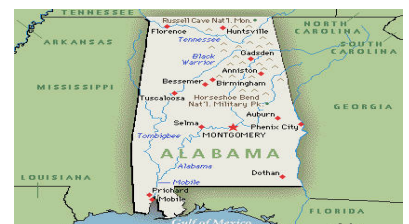
I'm so excited to see the process of reentry gain popularity and even more excited to see correctional agencies, state and federal agencies alike, as well as faith and community based programs finally join hands around the table to seriously discuss barriers to successful reentry in our various communities and even go a step further – create, explore and develop real solutions for a real problem in Alabama. The State of Alabama most recently developed a statewide committee to come together and discuss issues such as these. This, I believe, will propel Alabama to the next level of reducing crime and recidivism rates across the state simultaneously. Certainly, these are exciting times in our state.

Those of us having been a part of Reentry movement before it became "popular" know the recidivism statistics in Alabama compared to the national rates; and, we already know that without some interventions (i.e., financial, technology) for some of the smaller existing community based programs, it could potentially get worse, in part due to the large group of ex offenders expected to be released soon from prisons across the state because of a recent law that was passed regarding drug sentencing disparities. Most recently, new, larger programs have been created statewide to accommodate the massive numbers of offenders due to be released in the near future. The majority of these programs offer assistance with employment, mentors, and job training as well as other much needed transitional services. This certainly helps to minimize barriers to successful reentry. More programs in more Alabama communities should equate to reduced recidivism rates and lower crime rates across the State which is a win-win solution for everyone. However, the question looms – what will happen to the existing smaller FBCO's providing reentry services across Alabama? Can the smaller existing programs survive? Should they survive? How will Alabama tie all of these programs together to ensure that comprehensive services are still available and not duplicated with the newer programs coming on board?

I think this new statewide committee (comprised of correctional community staff, faith and community based staff, as well as other state and federal representatives) will help to address these questions and possibly report solutions on how we can all work together. However, for now, I think we have finally entered into an era where we have the right ingredients to become a model for the nation on crime prevention, crime and recidivism reduction. We have an ambitious and hard-working State Reentry Coordinator, a Governor that made reentry a priority, very dedicated hard-working correctional staff statewide as well as great reentry programs statewide (both new and existing). At the end of the day, who wins? *Everyone*. If we will continue to work together for a common unified goal (reduced crime and ex offenders not returning to prison), we all become the winners!

Transitional Resources Available Throughout the State of Alabama

Alabama Dept. of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Alabama Dept. of Public Safety
Alabama Dept. of Public Health
Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles
Alabama Dept. of Human Resources
American Red Cross and Salvation Army
AL Dept. of Economic and Comm. Affairs - CPR Network
Career Resource Centers and GED Testing Centers
Social Security Administration
Alabama Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
Federally Qualified Health Centers
HIV / AIDS Specialty Clinics
County Sheriff's Department
Substance Abuse Drug Treatment Centers



If you are within 60-90 days of your parole consideration date or EOS date, Please see your Institutional Designee for information on resources available in your specific county.

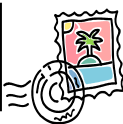
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR)

Family Resources' Programs for Former Prisoners Seeking Assistance

****Please contact your county DHR Office for more information on these programs.****



FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – “Food Stamps”



Federal regulations prohibit the following individuals from receiving food stamp benefits based on certain convictions. These are:

- ✚ Individuals convicted under federal or state law of a felony offense which has as an element the possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance, provided the conduct (act) resulting in the conviction occurred after August 22, 1996. This disqualification is permanent.
- ✚ Individuals convicted of trafficking food stamp benefits of \$500 or more or using food stamp benefits to purchase firearms. Disqualification for either of these convictions is permanent.
- ✚ Individuals convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense of trading food stamps for drugs (trafficking) in an amount less than \$500. This disqualification is for 2 years for the first conviction. Permanent disqualification for the second conviction.
- ✚ Individuals fleeing to avoid prosecution or custody for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, or in violation of a condition of his or her probation/parole.
- ✚ Individuals found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to identity or residence in order to receive multiple benefits simultaneously. Ineligibility is for 10 years from the time the determination is made.
- ✚ Individuals who are disqualified for intentional program violation.



FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - “WELFARE”



Federal laws prohibits FA(TANF) assistance to certain (National name – TANF individuals (only-not family) based on convictions. “Welfare”

These are:

- ✚ Individuals who are fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction of a felony, or violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under state or federal law.
- ✚ Individuals convicted under federal/state law of a felony on or after August 22, 1996 which has as an element the possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance. These individuals are ineligible effective with the date of conviction. This rule does not apply to a conviction if the conviction is for conduct occurring on or before August 22, 1996.
- ✚ Individuals found guilty under federal/state law to have fraudulently misrepresented residence in order to obtain benefits from two or more states' federally funded programs. This individual is ineligible for a period of 10 years beginning on the date of conviction. Also there is a penalty for fraud convictions for misrepresenting facts to receive FA benefits —individual penalty.

Halfway Home



WANTED OR NOT WANTED!! By: Randy Walker, Founder/CEO *LifeLink Career Resource Center*

YOU WILL HEAR ONE OF THESE TWO RESPONSES WHEN YOU GET OUT AND START YOUR NEW CAREER SEARCH

ANNOUNCING a comprehensive “In-House Job Readiness Program” to be conducted at Bibb Correctional Facility beginning soon. This pilot program, the result of a collaborative effort between the ADOC and *LifeLink Career Resource Center*, is focused on one objective: **TO PREPARE YOU FOR A REWARDING CAREER.**

If you want to participate in today's dynamic marketplace and be **WANTED** for the good jobs, you must increase your value and marketable job skills to prospective employers. Our mission is to equip you for that day. Prepare yourself for a unique opportunity. Details coming soon.

W.I.N.N.E.R.S, Inc.

Women In Need of Nurturing Education and Recovery Services

For more information, please contact
Ms. Lisa Brown
8800 Three Mile Rd –
Irvington, AL 36544 - (Mobile County)

Services offered: Transitional housing, AA/NA Meetings, Job Placement Assistance, Transportation, Random Drug Screening, GED Preparation, Spiritual and Supportive Counseling.

The Village

Re-Entry and Restoration Faith Based Program for Men

For more information, please contact
Andrew Jenkins
612 32nd Street South - #102
Birmingham, AL 35233 - (Jefferson County)

Services Offered: Life Skills, GED Preparation., Vocational Training, Multiple Addictions and Job Placement. The Village also assists with obtaining birth certificates

If you are within 60-90 days of EOS or parole consideration date and need a home plan, please see your Institutional Designee for an application to one of these programs.

